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Ex-CIAer held as China spy

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Washington—A retired CIA analyst was charged yesterday with spying for China over the last 30 years, taking payoffs of as much as \$1 million for supplying Peking with U.S. secrets.

The FBI said agents arrested Larry Wu-tai Chin, 63, of Alexandria, Va., Friday night, and he was charged yesterday in Federal Court in Alexandria with "turning over numerous classified CIA documents" to the Chinese.

The FBI said that Chin, who retired as a CIA intelligence analyst four years ago, had been paid as much as \$1 million over the years by the Chinese, who apparently recruited him almost from the day he joined the CIA on Okinawa in 1952.

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Officials said that Chin later became a naturalized U.S. citizen while he was supplying the Chinese with CIA documents. They said he continued to work for the Chinese even after he retired, and made several trips to Hong Kong over the years purportedly to contact

Chinese intelligence agents.

At the time of his retirement, Chin worked in the Foreign Broadcast Information Service at the CIA's headquarters in Langley, sources said. That service monitors and transcribes the radio services of foreign governments.

If convicted, Chin could face life in prison.

His arrest comes as part of a continuing FBI crackdown on alleged foreign spies working inside sensitive U.S. agencies. Last Thursday, Jonathan Pollard, a naval investigative service analyst, was charged with spying for Israel, and on Friday his wife, Anne, 25, was charged with possessing classified material.

Anne Pollard was arrested at the couple's downtown Washington apartment late Friday and officials claimed that she may have acted as a courier for her husband who allegedly delivered top secret documents to an Israeli agent in Washington for more than a year.

Suspect is sought

Chin is the second former CIA officer charged with spying this year.

Edward Lee Howard, 33, a former CIA analyst in

Washington, is being sought by FBI agents for allegedly spying for the Soviets. Howard, now believed to be in Europe, was uncovered by a former high ranking Soviet intelligence official, Vitaly Yurchenko, who defected to the United States last August but changed his mind recently and went back to Moscow. U.S. officials said that there was no indication that Yurchenko provided any information leading to Chin's arrest.

Officials asserted that despite a rash of arrests—the most publicized was the arrest and conviction of retired Navy warrant officer John Walker and several members of his family for spying for the Soviets—there is no change in FBI investigative policy toward spies. Over the years, the FBI often sought to turn spies into U.S. agents instead of arresting them.

Defense officials, however, said that their stepped up security program, ordered by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger after a rash of security leaks, may have resulted in the arrest of the Pollards. Pentagon spokesman Bob Sims said that Defense employees are now more "alert" for suspicious activity.